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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.,

SUBJ: EVENING REPORT

FOLLOWING IS NOVEMBER 5 EVENING REPORT:

1. TESTIMONY BEFORE THE INOUE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - BILL CLEMENTS AND
I TESTIFIED TODAY BEFORE THE INOUE COMMITTEE ON YOUR
REQUEST FOR \$2.2 BILLION SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO
ISRAEL AND THE \$0.2 BILLION SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO
CAMBODIA.

FOR THE MOST PART THE QUESTIONS WERE STRAIGHT-
FORWARD AND GENERALLY FRIENDLY. SENATOR CHILES (D-FLORIDA)
QUESTIONED THE LOGIC OF TACKING ON CAMBODIA TO THE
ISRAEL REQUEST. I POINTED OUT THAT THE REQUIREMENT
WAS AN URGENT ONE WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMALLY
DISCUSSED WITH THE CONGRESS, AND WHICH WOULD, THEREFORE,
HAVE HAD TO BE RAISED REGARDLESS OF THE ISRAELI
REQUIREMENTS.

BILL WAS ASKED WHETHER THE REPORTS OF NORTH KOREAN
AND SOVIET FORCES IN EGYPT WERE CORRECT. HE ANSWERED
THAT THEY WERE; THAT THERE SOME NORTH KOREAN PILOTS
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AND SOME SOVIET PERSONNEL MANNING SAMs, BUT THAT NEITHER
HAD COME INTO COMBAT.

THE HEARINGS CONCLUDED WITH SENATORS HUMPHREY

AND JAVITS SUPPORTING THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST

AND WITH SEVERAL NON-GOVERNMENT WITNESSES TESTIFYING
BOTH FOR AND AGAINST THE REQUEST.

2. JACKSON-VANIK - CONGRESSMAN VANIK'S OFFICE
TOLD US TODAY THAT THE SUPPORTERS OF JACKSON-VANIK ARE
ANGERED BY THE EFFORTS OF MAX FISHER ON BEHALF OF THE
ADMINISTRATION. SINCE FISHER'S DISCUSSION WITH DR.
KISSINGER LAST FRIDAY, ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT, HE
HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CONTACTING KEY CONGRESSMAN TO VITIATE
SUPPORT FOR JACKSON-VANIK. FISHER IS REPORTEDLY INDICATING
THAT US FULL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL NOW REQUIRES THAT THE US
JEWISH COMMUNITY HELP THE ADMINISTRATION OUT OF THE BOX
IT IS CAUGHT IN WITH THE TRADE BILL. VANIK'S AA
WARNED THAT FISHER DOES NOT SPEAK FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
AND THAT ANY SUCH "BLACKMAIL" EFFORT WOULD LEAD TO A
MASSIVE PUBLIC TURNOUT TO DENOUNCE THE ADMINISTRATION FOR
TRYING TO SELL OUT SOVIET JEWRY.

VANIK'S MAN ALSO ADVOCATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
SHOULD "SIT ON ULLMAN" TO FORCE POSTPONEMENT OF
FLOOR ACTION ON THE ENTIRE BILL UNTIL FEBRUARY. HE
CONTENDED THAT VANIK HAS 260 VOTES IN HIS POCKET TO
KEEP TITLE IV IN THE BILL AND ADD HIS AMENDMENT.
NONETHELESS, HE ADDED, IN TODAY'S CLIMATE, EVERYONE WILL
LOSE IF WE HAVE AN OPEN DEBATE ON THE BILL. THE HALLS OF
CONGRESS WILL RING WITH AN OUTPOURING OF ANTI-SOVIET
INVECTIVE WHICH WOULD ONLY HURT BOTH SOVIET JEWRY AND
THE DETENTE POLICY. THE ARCH-REACTIONARIES, HE CONTENDED,
WILL SEIZE ON SOVIET PERFIDY IN THE FORM OF THEIR MASSIVE
ARMS LIFT TO EGYPT, TO ARGUE AGAINST ANY DETENTE POLICY
WITH THE USSR. A DELAY UNTIL FEBRUARY WOULD
ALLOW TIME FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE
AND HOPEFULLY FOR OBJECTIVE CONSIDERATION OF THE
TRADE AND EMIGRATION MATTERS.
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THE REACTION TO FISHER'S ALLEGED ACTIVITIES SUGGEST
THE POSSIBILITY THAT FISHER PLOY MAY BE SHAKING
JACKSON-VANIK SUPPORT. RUSH

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